

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (amended herein above) A pharmaceutical composition adapted for use in capsular dosage forms comprising:

acetaminophen as an active ingredient and a solvent system comprising a l-lactate [lactate] salt.

2 components

- ① acetaminophen
- ② l-lactate salt

Claim 2 (canceled by the above amendment).

Claim 3 (amended herein above) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 [2] wherein the l-lactate salt is sodium l-lactate.

Claim 4 (amended herein above) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 [2] wherein the solvent system of the composition further comprises an alkali metal acetate salt.

Claim 5 (original) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 4 wherein the alkali metal acetate salt is potassium acetate.

Claim 6 (original) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 wherein the solvent system further comprises polyethylene glycol and polyvinyl pyrrolidone.

Claim 7 (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising:  
acetaminophen in an amount of at least about 40% by weight;  
sodium l-lactate in an amount of at least about 4.0% by weight; and  
potassium acetate in an amount of at least about 4.0% by weight.

Claim 8 (original) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 7 wherein said acetaminophen is present in an amount of about 42% by weight.

- Claim 9 (amended herein above) A capsular dosage form containing a pharmaceutical composition comprising:  
acetaminophen as an active ingredient and a solvent system comprising an alkali metal L-lactate [~~lactate~~] salt.
- Claim 10 (canceled by the above amendment)
- Claim 11 (amended herein above) The capsular dosage form of claim 9 [~~10~~] wherein the L-lactate salt is sodium L-lactate.
- Claim 12 (original) The capsular dosage form of claim 9 wherein the solvent system further comprises an alkali metal acetate salt.
- Claim 13 (original) The capsular dosage form of claim 12 wherein the alkali metal acetate salt is potassium acetate.
- Claim 14 (original) The capsular dosage form of claim 9 wherein the solvent system of the composition further comprises polyethylene glycol and polyvinyl pyrrolidone.
- Claim 15 (original) The capsular dosage form of claim 9 wherein the composition comprises the following formula:  
acetaminophen in an amount of at least about 40% by weight;  
sodium L-lactate in an amount of at least about 4.0% by weight; and  
potassium acetate in an amount of at least about 4.0% by weight.
- Claim 16 (original) The capsular dosage form of claim 15 wherein acetaminophen is present in an amount of about 42% by weight.
- Claim 17 (original) The capsular dosage form of claim 9 wherein the capsular material comprises gelatin.